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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7481

BILL NUMBER: SB 337

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Native American Affairs Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Native American Affairs Commission. It authorizes the Commission to determine final disposition of Native American human remains that have been removed from a burial site.

Effective Date: June 1, 2003; July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Commission will consist of 15 voting members:

- Six Native Americans, each from a different geographic region of Indiana;
- Two Native Americans who have knowledge of Native American traditions and spiritual issues;
- Lieutenant Governor, or designee;
- Commissioner of the Commission for Higher Education, or designee;
- Commissioner of the State Department of Health, or designee;
- Secretary of the Office of Family Social Services, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or designee;
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;
- Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development, or designee.

The Commission also has 2 nonvoting members:

- One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker;
- One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore.

Legislative members and lay members will be entitled to a per diem and a mileage reimbursement. Any state employees appointed to the Commission are entitled to a mileage reimbursement.

Currently, legislative members would be entitled to \$129 per diem and a \$0.345 mileage reimbursement. Mileage and per diem for legislative members would be paid from the appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency.

Lay members who do not work for a state agency would be entitled to \$50 per diem and \$0.28 mileage reimbursement. Mileage and per diem for lay members would be paid from the appropriations made to the Department of Commerce. Lay members who are state employees are reimbursed for mileage from their respective state agencies. Based on an average driving distance of 60 miles, the cost for per diem and mileage for one meeting should be less than \$1,000 if all members attend.

The Department of Commerce will staff the Commission. Commission expenses would be paid from appropriations to the Department of Commerce. The bill does not specify the number of meetings that will be held.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Commerce.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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